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or a 100 million dollars. Now if we were going to rob this fund for this purpose I think that we are making a mistake that we are going to be sorry for for a long, long time to come. The Nebraska Resource Commission today has been relatively slow in assigning these funds to any request simply because we need to tighten up on the rules and regulations, to guard against any request that might be of minor importance such as if a farmer wants some money to build a pond on his farm. This is not what this was designated for. We're talking about the larger projects. We can not afford to rob this fund and especially since Senator Burbach has outlined for you that this project at the present level will be funded. Now the Old West Regional Commission, its commissioned our trails by the way, it is made up of five states. It is made up of Nebraska, the two Dakotas, Montana and Wyoming. This amount is assigned to our state and we can meet the requirements to fund the soil survey as we ought to. We do not need this. I think that we are going to make a mistake Senator Dickinson, if we allow the use of this money for any other purpose than that which we have marked it for when this thing was brought into being.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I just rise too, maybe I didn't hear him right, but I rise to ask Senator Kremer a question but... I would like to have your attention. Did you refer that there was some money in all of this water and all that sort of thing from the Federal Government that we should take advantage of?

SENATOR KREMER: Let me say this in answer to your question Senator Syas. There have been something like 300,000 a few dollars over now, allowed or have been marked for a project in the a...a...one of the natural resource districts. As a result of that it is my understanding, and I'll check it out for you but over 400 thousand of federal funds have come in because of that allocation, which proves a point that we tried to make several years ago, that if Nebraska demonstrates its interest in this, they must put some of their money in and then there will be federal funds. My understanding now because of this appropriation of \$300,000 out of this fund over 400,000 has come forth from the federal level. This is exactly as we had expected it. If we would have...if we didn't have any of our money in there, I don't think we would have got that \$400,000.

SENATOR SYAS: I have got the wrong sheet here. Are you a signer to LR106?

SENATOR KREMER: I don't know what 106?

SENATOR SYAS: Well 106 is not go back to the Federal Government and ask them for funds all of the time. The State of Nebraska is going to stand on their own two feet. Did you sign that Resolution?

SENATOR KREMER: I don't know.